SI. No.	Schemes	Financial Outlays
20.	Science & Technology Application Oriented Programme	50
21.	Advertisement & Publicity	75
22.	Publications, Informations & Public Relations	50
23.	Development/Rejuvenation of Plantation Crops in NER	100

Disinvestment of BSNL and IBP

1475. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Public Sector Disinvestment Programme his Ministry is considering disinvestment of BSNL and IBP to Tatas and Indian Oil Corporation in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) Disinvestment in Public Sector Undertakings is a continuous process. As a part of the process, Government keeps considering proposals for disinvestment in various Public Sector Undertakings from time to time. The proposals are considered through Inter-Ministerial consultation and final decisions are taken. No decision has been taken in respect of disinvestment of BSNL. The Government has sold 33.58% of equity of IBP Co. Ltd. of Rs. 7.44 crore to Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC) for a total consideration of Rs. 1153.68 crore. The Government has handed over the management control of IBP to IOC on 19th February, 2002 after completing the necessary formalities.